

BLM
Litchfield, CA Wild Horse and Burro Facility

November 7 2011

A total of forty animals were delivered to the facility today. 19 outside Fox Hog HMA studs, 14 outside Fox Hog HMA mares and 7 inside Fox Hog HMA studs. Animals were somewhat thin with a few wire scrapes and the usual superficial injuries. One mare however; a 3 yr old sorrel presented with a R axillary (armpit) suspected penetration and obvious scrapes. I suspect a fence post or nail is possible. She exhibited severe pectoral and ventral abdominal edema, no visible hemorrhage. She was in poor shape. She died within 1-2 hrs of arrival.

I suspect that as no animals were gathered on Nov 6, she was gathered on Nov 5th and not delivered to the facility until Monday Nov 7th. My suspicion is that the animal suffered this injury either right before or during the gather and was not seen until delivery on Monday the 7th of November. The edema is most likely caused by severe vasculitis of the vessels in that region with possible internal hemorrhage with shock the cause of death as she expired before any treatment could be administered. That region of the body contains vital arteries, veins as well as nerves. No necropsy was performed. A photo of the injury is kept by my office in the records. The animal was taken care of by BLM personnel.

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